



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5631***

LCO No. 1502

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***An Act Concerning Electronic Filing Of Campaign Finance Statements By Certain Candidate Committees And Political Committees.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 9-348ee of the general  
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (b) On and after January 1, [1999] 2001, the campaign treasurer of  
4 the candidate committee for each candidate for nomination or election  
5 to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General,  
6 State Comptroller, State Treasurer, [or] Secretary of the State, state  
7 senator or state representative who raises or spends [two hundred  
8 fifty] ten thousand dollars or more during an election campaign and  
9 the campaign treasurer of each political committee that raises or  
10 spends ten thousand dollars or more in a calendar year shall file in  
11 electronic form all financial disclosure statements required by said  
12 section 9-333j by either transmitting disks, tapes or other electronic  
13 storage media containing the contents of such statements to the office  
14 of the Secretary of the State or transmitting the statements on-line to

15 said office. Each such campaign treasurer shall use either (1) a software  
 16 program created by the Secretary of the State under subdivision (1) of  
 17 subsection (a) of this section, for all such statements filed on or after  
 18 [January 1, 1999] said date, or (2) another software program which  
 19 provides for the standard reporting format, and complies with the  
 20 specifications, which are prescribed by the secretary under subdivision  
 21 (2) of subsection (a) of this section, for all such statements filed on or  
 22 after [July 1, 1999] said date. The office of the Secretary of the State  
 23 shall accept any statement that uses any such software program. Once  
 24 any such candidate committee has raised or spent [two hundred fifty]  
 25 fifteen thousand dollars or more during an election campaign, all  
 26 previously filed statements required by said section 9-333j, which were  
 27 not filed in electronic form shall be refiled in such form, using such a  
 28 software program, not later than the date on which the campaign  
 29 treasurer of the committee is required to file the next regular statement  
 30 under said section 9-333j.

31 (c) On and after January 1, [1999] 2001, (1) the campaign treasurer of  
 32 the candidate committee for any other candidate, as defined in section  
 33 9-333a, who is required to file the financial disclosure statements  
 34 required by section 9-333j with the office of the Secretary of the State  
 35 and (2) the campaign treasurer of any other political committee or  
 36 party committee, may file in electronic form any financial disclosure  
 37 statements required by said section 9-333j. Such filings may be made  
 38 by either transmitting disks, tapes or other electronic storage media  
 39 containing the contents of such statements to the proper authority  
 40 under section 9-333e or transmitting the statements on-line to such  
 41 proper authority. Each such campaign treasurer shall use either (A) a  
 42 software program created by the Secretary of the State under  
 43 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section, for all such statements  
 44 filed in electronic form on or after [January 1, 1999] said date, or (B)  
 45 another software program which provides for the standard reporting  
 46 format, and complies with the specifications, which are prescribed by  
 47 the secretary under subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, for  
 48 all such statements filed in electronic form on or after [July 1, 1999]

49 said date. The proper authority under section 9-333e shall accept any  
50 statement that uses any such software program.

51 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2001, and shall apply to  
52 elections held after said date.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require the electronic filing of campaign finance statements by (1) candidates for state-wide office and the General Assembly who raise or spend at least ten thousand dollars in a campaign and political committees that raise or spend at least ten thousand dollars in a calendar year.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*